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SUBJECT: UNEMPLOYMENT STABILIZES IN FRG

SUMMARY: IN FEBRUARY, UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINED 4,300 TO REACH 1,346,700, 5.9 PERCENT OF THE LABOR FORCE. THE NUMBER OF WORKERS ON SHORT TIME DECREASED FROM 743,321 IN JANUARY TO 493,130. JOB OPENINGS INCREASED TO 208,539, AN INCREASE OF 17,900 SINCE JANUARY. ON A SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BASIS, UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINED THE SAME AS IN JANUARY, 1,089,000. END SUMMARY.

1. SAYING THAT "THE CYCLICAL FACTORS AFFECTING THE LABOR MARKET CONTINUED TO STABILIZE THEMSELVES" AND THAT THE HIGH POINT OF UNEMPLOYMENT IS PAST, THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (BAA)

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ANNOUNCED UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY.

2. AT THE END OF FEBRUARY, 1,346,700 GERMANS AND FOREIGN WORKERS WERE REGISTERED WITH THE FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AS UNEMPLOYED. ALTHOUGH THIS IS 4,300 LESS THAN IN JANUARY, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINS 5.9 PERCENT. WHEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED FOR FEBRUARY WAS 1,089,000, THE SAME AS IN JANUARY. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR FOREIGN WORKERS IN FEBRUARY WAS 6.6 PERCENT, A DECREASE OF 0.1 PERCENT SINCE JANUARY.

3. THE NUMBER OF WORKERS ON SHORT TIME DECREASED SHARPLY, ESPECIALLY IN ELECTRONICS, METALURGY, MACHINE CONSTRUCTION, CHEMICALS, PLASTICS AND MINING. AS OF THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY, 493,100 WORKERS WERE ON SHORT TIME, A DECREASE OF 33.7 PERCENT SINCE JANUARY.

4. AS USUAL FOR THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, JOB OPENINGS INCREASED. AT THE END OF FEBRUARY, 208,500 JOB OPENINGS WERE REGISTERED WITH THE FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, AN INCREASE OF 9.4 PERCENT SINCE JANUARY.

5. THE NUMBER OF THOSE RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT WELFARE ASSISTANCE (ARBEITSLOSENHILFE) INCREASED TO 145,000. AND 925,000 ARE RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (ARBEITSLOSENGELD). IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, THE FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE PAID OUT MORE THAN IT TOOK IN, AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD TO COVER THE RESULTING DEFICIT OF 1.6 BILLION DM.
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